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PRESIDENT: We are now talking about the Luedtke amendment which the Chair will refer to as the 30-25 amendment to the Cavanaugh amendment. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, again I'm not . . . I think the \$5,000 discrepancy is perhaps maybe legitimate. I want to point out that we have, in the bill, the provision that allows the counties of Douglas and Lancaster to pay the supplement to 2,500. Now that's what takes care of the additional case load. I have never yet found very many judges, be they metropolitan or other area, which are not able and capable of handling their case load. Twenty-five hundred dollars is paid by . . . not by a state fund, it's paid by county funds to take care of that portion. That brings you back up to the \$7,500 difference. I think that you're talking in the ballpark. I think that to say that we're going to recognize the difference in caseload by the \$5,000 or \$6,000 difference, fails to take into account the \$2,500 supplement which we know will be paid by Douglas and Lancaster counties and perhaps justifiably so. I would, again, I would prefer not to take the \$25,000. I don't think it's . . . it's not acceptable to me because it does not reflect the qualify of person that I want to see on the bench, and that is why.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: This is agreeable with me. I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall debate cease on the 30-25 amendment. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 3 nays, 20 not voting.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Luedtke do you wish to be heard. No. . .

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No closing. I've said . . .

PRESIDENT: No closing argument. The question is the adoption of Senator Luedtke's amendment to the Cavanaugh amendment at 30 and 25. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 14 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. We're on the Cavanaugh amendment.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Can I close?

PRESIDENT: Yes. Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK, let's vote on it.

PRESIDENT: On the Cavanaugh amendment. The question is the adoption of the Cavanaugh amendment as amended. Record your vote. Please vote. I beg your pardon.